Dr. Ambedkar's works in various languages during Dr. Ambedkar's Birth Centenary year ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has decided to translate and publish 12 volumes of Writings and Speeches of Dr. Ambedkar in Hindi and 8 other languages, viz.. Bengali, Tamil, Telgu, Malayalam, Kannada, Oriya. Punjabi and Gujarati. An amount of Rs. 38 lakhs has been released during 1991-92 to the Publications Division of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting to undertake been provided for this scheme in the annual the work. A provision of Rs. 80 lakhs has Plan 1992-93.

Modernisation of rolling mill in Rourkela Steel Plant

*171. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the companies/firms which have been awarded the work relating to modernisation of Rolling Mill in Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the firms have been trying to secure the work under the pretext of providing soft loans from Germany; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of the expenditure involved in the modernisation programme including the foreign exchange component; and

(d) whether Government have dropped the idea of forming a consortium of public sector undertakings in order to provide infrastructure to public as well as private sector enterprises; if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) for the modernisation of the Rolling Mill of Rourkela Steel Plant SAIL/RSP have finanlised/decided placement of orders as follows:—

(i) It has been decided to place order for the Global Package of Hot Strip Mill and Plate Mill modification on the Consortium led by M/s. MANNESMAN DEMAG SACK (MDS), Germany which includes MECON and M/s. Btela Technical Services as Indian associates;

(ii) The order for the indigenous package of Relocation of Dividing Lines has been finalised on MECON.

(iii) Order for the indigenous package of Reheating Furnances for Hot Strip Mill and Plate Mill is yet to be finalised.

(b) The financing proposal for funding the foreign exchange component of the global packages of RSP modernisation was stipulated in the tender specifications of SAIL. The order for the package of the Hot Strip Mill and Plate Mill (modification} intended to be finalised on the Consortium led by M/s. MDS is linked with the financing proposals offered by them from Kredltanstalt Fur Wiederauf-ban (KFW) (Credit Bureau for Industrial Reconstruction), Germany.

(c) The approved Revised Cost Estimates of the total rhedernisation scheme of RSP are Rs. 3954 crores inclusive of foreign exchange component of Rs. 714 crores (base date 1st Quarter, 1992 prices).

(d) Government do not have any proposal to form a Consortium of Public Sector Undertakings to provide infrastructural facilities.

Contract Labour System in FCI

*172. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:"

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the workers, of Food, Cprapration of India have threatened to paralyse the public distribution system in large puts

of the country if the FCI management fails to concede their demand to abolish the contract labour system;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to examine the demands of the workers of PCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GdGOI) : (a) The FCI Workers Union had submitted a charter of demands on 20th March, 1992, including the demand for abolition of contract labour system.

(b) and (c) Such demands are gone into by the FCI managemnet. An amicable understanding has been reached between the management and the workers unions and they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 10th April, 1992. As a result, the Union agreed to withdraw the agitational programme.

Old Age Assistance to the residents of rural Delhi

*173. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of rural Delhi are not receiving preferential treatment in getting Old Age Assistance or other benefits;

(b) if so, wheher Government propose to take any remedial measures in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therfor ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir. Old Age people living in rural as well as urban areas of U.T. of Delhi are treated alike.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Proposals for integrated Steel Plants

*174. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government have sought permission to allow integrated steel plants in the joint sector for Vijaya-nagar Steel Plant and if so, the details thereof indicating the proposals received and action taken thereon; and

(b) whether any request for assistance to these projects from the Centre has also been received and if so, the details thereof indicating the action taken thereon

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The new in-dustral policy announced in July, 1991, had removed 'iron and steel' from the list of industries reserved for the public sector and also exempted it from the requirements of compulsory licensing. Industrial Licence is no longer required for setting up steel plants provided that the location is not within 25 kms of a city having a population of more than 10 lakhs as per the 1991 census. The Government of Karnataka is however proposing to set up a steel plant in the joint sector. For this project the major assistance sought by the Government of Karnataka relates to the transfer of Government of India's shareholding in Yija-yanagar Steel Limited (VNS.L), land and assets of VNSL to the State Government, and to the transfer of Iron Ore Mines sought to be linked with the proposed project. These are under examination.

Drug addicts in the capital

*175. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey conducted by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi, has revealed that there are more than one lakh drug addicts in the capital and their number is increasing day by day;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to tackle the problem of drug addiction in the capital in particular and the country in general ?